



DNI Statement on the President's Speech on Counterterrorism at the National Defense University

Today the president presented a new roadmap for our fight against terrorism. The strategy is rooted in our responsibility to protect and defend our nation while honoring our commitment to the rule of law. As the leader of the intelligence community, I welcome the effort to strengthen the process for reviewing and approving counterterrorism operations. A consistent and regularized interagency coordination process that involves policymakers, intelligence professionals and the legal community is essential to preventing and responding to terrorism while ensuring the freedoms that are the bedrock of our democracy. I look forward to continuing to work with our congressional oversight bodies on defending American interests as we enter a new phase in our struggle against violent extremism.

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